COURTESY TO BE SHOWN BY OFFICERS TO LEGISLATORS

158. Sri H. S. SIDDAPPA (Arsikere) [on behalf of Sri J. L' KABADE (Ballolli)].—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the type of Government Order issued to the officers of the various departments regarding the courtesy to be shown to the Members of Legislative Assembly and Council whenever they visit officers on public work;

(*b*) whether the orders issued are in accordance with law and since when they are in force;

(*c*) the action Government would take against the officers who do not show the courtesy as per Government instructions if members report the same;

(*d*) the action Government would take in case the officers do not observe the instructions issued by the Government if reported by the members ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) Government have issued an Official Memorandum to the officers of the State Government to show courtesy and regard to Members of Parliament and Legislators whenever they visit them.

(*b*) A copy of the O.M. No. GAD 23 PLX 68, dated 30th May 1968/1st June 1968 is appended.

(*c*) Suitable action will be taken against the officers who do not observe these instructions if such cases come to the notice of Government.

(*d*) For misconduct, punishments like censure, suspension and fines can be imposed on officers, depending upon the nature of offence committed.

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

No. GAD 23 PLX 68 Mysore Government Secretariat, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore.

Dated the 30th May 1968/1st June 1968.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

Sub :—Instructions issued in regard to the manner in which the Members of Parliament and Legislature should be treated when they meet officers on official business.

(SRI D. DEVARAJ URS)

A copy of O.M. No. F. 25/29/56-Ests. (A), dated the 28th August 1957, issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, is forwarded herewith for information and guidance.

It is requested that the same courtesy and regard should be shown to Members of Parliament and Members of Legislatures, when they meet officers of the State Government, on official business.

No. F. 25/29/56-Ests.(A)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

New Delhi-2.

Dated the 28th August 1957

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

Sub :—Observance of Courtesies by Officers of the Government of India in their dealings with Members of Parliament.

It has been brought to the notice of the Government by certain Members of Parliament that instances have occurred in which Members of Legislatures have not been accorded by Government Officers the consideration and regard which their position in the public life of the country requires. Government of India have no doubt that lapses, if any, in this respect cannot be intentional, and that there is no desire to be discourteous or rude. Nevertheless, Government of India would like to remind all officers that due courtesy and regard to the representatives of the people are desirable in the larger interests of the country. The Members of Parliament have important functions to perform under the Constitution and it should be the endeavour of every officer to help them to the extent possible in the discharge of their functions. In cases, however, when officers are unable to accede to the request or suggestion of Members of Parliament, the reasons for the Officers' inability to do so should be courteously explained to them. For purposes of interview, Members of Parliament should be given preference over other visitors, and in the very rare cases where an officer is unable to see a Member of Parliament at a time about which he had no previous notice, the position should be politely explained to the Members and another appointment fixed in consultation with him. The same courtesy and regard should be shown to Members of Legislatures attending public functions where, in particular, seats befitting their position should be reserved for them.

2. Ministry of Finance, etc., are requested to bring these instructions to the notice of all concerned.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಸ್. ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ ಆಜ್ಞೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಒಳಗಡೆಗೆ ಬಿಡುವುದಕ್ಕೇ ಅವರು ಗಂಟೆಗಟ್ಟಲೇ ನಿಧಾನಮಾಡಿದರೇನು ಮಾಡುವುದು ?

†ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ದೇವರಾಜ ಅರಸ್.—ತಮಗೆ ಹಾಗೆ ಅಪಾಯಿಂಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಅದರಮೇಲೂ ಅವರು ಹಾಗೆ ಮಾಡಿದರೆ ಅಂಥ ನಿದರ್ಶನವನ್ನು ನಮ್ಮ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ತನ್ನಿ ನೋಡೋಣ.

1-30 P.M.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಸ್. ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ.—ಶಾಸನ ಸಭೆಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಆಫೀಸರುಗಳನ್ನು ಭೇಟಿ ಮಾಡಲು ಹೋಗಿ ಚೀಟಿ ಬರೆದು ಕಳುಹಿಸಿದರೆ ಗಂಟೆಗಟ್ಟಲೆ ಆದರೂ ಅವರು ಕರೆಸುವುದಿಲ್ಲ, ಒಳಗಡೆ ಇತರರ ಸಂಗಡ ಮಾತನಾಡುತ್ತಾ ಕುಳಿತಿರುವರು. ಇದಕ್ಕೇನು ಮಾಡಬೇಕು?

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ದೇವರಾಜ ಅರಸ್.—ಯಾವ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀವು ಚೀಟಿ ಕಳಿಸುವಿರೋ ಮತ್ತು ನೀವು ಏತಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋಗಿರುವಿರೋ ಅದು ಅವರಿಗೆ ಹೇಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಾಗಬೇಕು ?

(ನಗು)

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಸ್. ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ.— ಒಂದುವೇಳೆ ನಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಒಳಕ್ಕೆ ಕರೆಸಿದರೂ ಆಫೀಸರ ಬಳಿ 15 ಜನರಿರುವರು. ಅವರೆಲ್ಲರೂ ಇರುವಾಗ ನಾವು ಹೋದ ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ಹೇಗೆ ಅವರೆಲ್ಲರ ಎದುರಿಗೆ ಹೇಳುವುದು ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—You have every right to ask the concerned officer that you want to have a private talk with him.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಎಂ. ಮಂಜುನಾಥ್.—ಸರಕಾರ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿರುವ ಸರ್ಕುಲರ್ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಮಟ್ಟದಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ತಲುಪಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಕಾಣುತ್ತದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಕಳಿಸಿದ್ದರೂ ಅದನ್ನು ಅವರು ನೋಡಲಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಕಾಣುವುದು. ಅಸೆಂಬ್ಲಿ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಅವರನ್ನು ಕಾಣಲು ಹೋದರೆ ಕುಳಿತುಕೊಳ್ಳಿ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕೂಡ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಸಹನೆಯಿಲ್ಲ. ಅಲ್ಲದೆ ಅವರು ಸಿಗರೇಟು ಸೇದುತ್ತಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ, ಸೇದಿ ನೋದವರ ಮುಖಕ್ಕೆ ಹೊಗೆ ಬಿಡುವರು. ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅವರ ಮೇಲೆ ಸೂಕ್ತ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವಿರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ದೇವರಾಜ ಅರಸ್.—ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಈಗಿನ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿಗರೇಟ್ ಸೇದುವುದು ಅಪರಾಧ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಅದು ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಈಗ ಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ. ಸಿಗರೇಟ್ ಸೇದಬೇಡಿ ಎಂದು ಅವರಿಗೆ ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲ. ನಿಮಗೆ ಅದನ್ನು ಸೇದುವ ಅಭ್ಯಾಸವಿಲ್ಲದಿರಬಹುದು. ಅಭ್ಯಾಸವಿದ್ದರೆ ಆಫೀಸರ ಜೊತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅವರನ್ನು ಕಾಣಲು ಹೋದವರೂ ಸೇದುವರು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಬಿ. ರಾಮಸ್ವಾಮಿ.—ಇದು ಲಘುವಾದ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯಲ್ಲ. ಯೋಚನೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾದ ವಿಷಯ ಇದು. ಶಾಸನ ಸಭೆಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ನೋಡಲು ಹೋದಾಗ ಅವರ ವರ್ತನೆ ವಿಪರೀತವಾಗಿದೆ. ಸಿಗರೇಟು ಕುಡಿಯುವುದನ್ನು ತಪ್ಪಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಆದರೆ ಆಫೀಸರುಗಳು ಸಿಗರೇಟು ಸೇದಿ ಅವರನ್ನು ನೋಡಲು ಹೋದ ಸದಸ್ಯರ ಮುಖದಮೇಲೆ ಅದರ ಹೊಗೆ ಬಿಡುವುದು ಅವಹೇಳನ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ. ಇದನ್ನು ತಪ್ಪಿಸಲು ಸರಕಾರ ನಿಯಮವನ್ನು ರಚಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ. ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಹೋದರೆ ಅವರು ಗೌರವಿಸಬೇಕು, ವಿನಯದಿಂದ ಮಾತನಾಡಬೇಕು. ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಒಂದು ಕಾನೂನು ಮಾಡುವಿರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ದೇವರಾಜ ಅರಸ್.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರ ಸಲಹೆಯನ್ನು ಗಮನಿಸಬೇಕಾಗುವುದು ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಉತ್ತರದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಫಿಷಿಯಲ್ ಮೆಮೊರ್ಯಾಂಡಂ ಏನಿದೆ ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಹೇಳುವುದೆಲ್ಲಾ ಇದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಸ್. ಕೃಷ್ಣನ್.—ಕೆಲವು ಸಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ತಾವು ಪಾಳೆಯಗಾರರಂತೆ ಮಾತನಾಡುವುದಾದರೆ ಅವರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹೇಗೆ ಕರ್ಟೆಸಿ ತೋರಿಸಬೇಕು ?

(ನಗು)

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದವೀರಪ್ಪ.—ನೀವೇ ಹೇಳಿ.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGAM.—May I know whether a circular has been issued to all those IAS Officers who have been appointed after 1968 after this popular Government assumed office ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—Unless the circular is withdrawn, it will remain in force.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGAM.—During the President's Rule these officers were acting like Ministers. In order to remove this impression from the minds of the officers whether this popular Governfent has sent any circular to those officers ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—We have not thought it fit to send another circular of the same nature. In case there are any lapses on the part of the officers, we shall remind them to be mindful of the circular which is in vogue already. I have recently sent a circular to all the officers that whenever MLAs and MLCs come and discuss any matter with them, I have asked them to keep a note of what the representatives have said and send a brief note to the Heads of Departments and also to the Secretaries to Government.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಡಿ. ದೇವೇಗೌಡ.—ಕೆಲವು ಇಲಾಖೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಇಲಾಖಾ ಮುಖ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಭೇಟಿಗಾಗಿ ಕಾಲ ನಿಗದಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವರು, ಆ ಕಾಲ ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಬೇರೆ ಕಾಲವಲ್ಲಿ ಹೋದರೆ ಇಂಟರ್‌ವ್ಯೂಗೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುವುದುಂಟು. ಗೊತ್ತುಮಾಡಿರುವ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲೇ ಶಾಸನಸಭೆ ಸದಸ್ಯರೂ ಕೂಡ ಹೋಗಬೇಕೆಂದರೆ ಹೇಗೆ ? ಅದು ಸರಿಯೇ? ಶಾಸನಸಭೆ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ವರ್ಕಿಂಗ್ ಅವರ್ಸ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವಾಗ ಬೇಕಾದರೂ ಹೋಗಬಹುದು ಎಂದು ನೂಚಿಸುವಿರಾ? ಎರಡನೆಯದಾಗಿ ಇಂಟರ್‌ವ್ಯೂಗೆ ನಿಗದಿಮಾಡಿರುವ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ನಾವು ಹೋದರೆ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್ ಇದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೋಗಿರುವರು. ಇದರಿಂದ ಅವರನ್ನು ಕಾಣಲು ಅಡಚಣೆ ಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಹೆಡ್‌ಕ್ವಾರ್ಟರಿನಲ್ಲಿರುವಾಗ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಕುಂದು ಕೊರತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕೇಳಲು ಒಂದು ನಿಗದಿಯಾದ ಕಾಲ ಗೊತ್ತುಮಾಡಿ ಆ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅವರು ಕಡ್ಡಾಯವಾಗಿ ಇರುವಂತೆ ತಿಳಿಸುವಿರಾ ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—I will certainly agree with the Hon. the Leader of the Opposition because it will not only facilitate the public but also facilitate in the smooth functioning of the offices. Both should be adhered to. I will certainly instruct the officers to fix up certain hours for interviews. During those hours if the Hon. Members were to go—you will also appreciate, without an appointment, they will have to take a chance. I do not think any officer can refuse interview particularly to MLAs and MLCs whenever they want to meet him. Even if an appointment is sought with an officer at a time other than the usual fixed hour, I think, he has to give time. And what is happening particularly in Bangalore which is the State headquarters, there will be too much of pressure of work upon the officers because they will have been called either by the Secretary or the Minister to attend meetings. Sometimes suddenly the Ministers will be calling the officers for a discussion. Such things might come in the way of giving an interview. Nevertheless, I shall appreciate the idea and try to see that those things are adhered to. I might also tell the Hon. Members that many a time the transfers

and promotions would be the subjct-matters of discussion. I have been instructing my officers that so far as these subjects are concerned, they must be referred to the highest level and that they should not deal with these subjects.

COLONY OF BACKWARD CLASS PEOPLE IN SAVEMARADI KAVAL.

168. Sri HANJI SHIVANNA (Tarikere).—

Will the Minister for Community Development and Social Welfare be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Governmnet have formed a colony for backward class people in Savemaradi Kaval, Amritapur Hobli of Tarikere Taluk;

(*b*) if so, the amount spent by the Government on this colony;

(*c*) the extent of land Granted for them;

(*d*) the number of families living in this colony at present;

(*e*) who are in possession of these lands;

(*f*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that some rich people have purchased the lands from backward class people and evicted them?

Sri M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY (Minister for Community Development and Social Welfare).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 18,000.

(*c*) In Survey No. 1,—200 acres.

(*d*) 10 families are staying.

(*e*) Except 70 Acres and 16 Guntas of land which is alienated the rest of the land is in possession of the residents of the colony.

(f) Some familes have left the colony after selling their lands to others. This sale is not valid. Action is taken to take back the land from those who had acquired the lands unauthorisedly.

ಶ್ರೀ ಹಂಜಿ ಶಿವಣ್ಣ.—ಉತ್ತರದಲ್ಲಿ 200 ಎಕರೆ ಪ್ರದೇಶ ಕೊಡಲಾಗಿದೆ, 10 ಸಂಸಾರಗಳು ವಾಸಿಸುತ್ತಿವೆ ಎಂದಿದೆ. ಒಂದು ಸಂಸಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಎಕರೆ ಭೂಮಿ ಕೊಡಲಾಗಿದೆ? ಎಷ್ಟು ಸಂಸಾರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದೆ?